

FROM:  
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TO:  
The House Ways and Means Committee  
Re: GPO/WEP offsets for Social Security

Honored Representatives of the People:

As we celebrate 75 years of Social Security success I will ask you to take a moment to consider the unresolved unfairness of the S.S. system.

I am a retired public school teacher and a returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Somalia) that has worked college jobs, summer vacation jobs, and have contributed to the S.S. system through a second job while teaching, all to make ends meet. I am denied the return on my S.S. 'investment' due to the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

Before the offset, I was due to receive about \$350/month, and that would make a difference in my retirement situation. As it stands now I will get about \$130/month.

If there is a need to save the S.S. system pension dollars, I would urge your committee to not grant money to the many that have zero contributions into the system but receive social security subsidies anyway.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Bob Heinrich